



Proclamation
Presented to
**CONSULATE GENERAL
OF THE REPUBLIC OF HUNGARY**

WHEREAS, on May 9, 1950, French foreign minister, Robert Schuman presented his proposal on the creation of an organized Europe, indispensable to the maintenance of peaceful relations, and the proposal, known as the "Schuman declaration" is considered to be the beginning of the creation of what is now the European Union; and

WHEREAS, the 27-nation European Union with nearly 500 million people is a close friend and a key ally of the United States of America now; and this has been a historic time for Europe, with the passage of the Lisbon Treaty and the further development of the Union; and today, the ties between the EU, its members and the United States are more important than ever; and

WHEREAS, on a global level, the European Union and the United States are major powers and as such have a global responsibility, and exercising that power and responsibility effectively inevitably means working together; and

WHEREAS, the European Union and the United States are jointly promoting democracy, freedom, stability and prosperity throughout the world, whether it is in the Middle East, Afghanistan or the Balkans, Europe and the United States can only succeed in advancing these values if they act together, and are committed to the challenge of alleviating poverty and disease and provide almost 80% of global development assistance; and

WHEREAS, from January 1, 2011 the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union has built its agenda around the human factor, focusing on four main topics: growth and employment for preserving the European social model; stronger Europe; citizen friendly Union; enlargement and neighborhood policy; and

WHEREAS, Europe Day will be celebrated on May 9, 2011 all over the world including Hawai'i;

THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, GOVERNOR, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR of State of Hawai'i,
do hereby proclaim May 9, 2011, as

"EUROPE DAY"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in this special observance.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of April, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i